

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented): A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:
a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;
a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;
a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and
a conductive material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, containing carbon black having a specific surface area of at least $1 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and less than $800 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ and a nitride having particles of at least $0.2 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ and not more than $5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ in average particle diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer.
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Previously Presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 1, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.
4. (Original): The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 3, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr_3N_2).
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Previously Presented): A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:
a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;
a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

a conductive material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, containing carbon black and a nitride having particles of at least 0.2 μm and not more than 5 μm in average particle diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 6, wherein said nitride includes a metal nitride.

9. (Original): The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 8, wherein said metal nitride includes zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr_3N_2).

10. (Previously Presented): The nonaqueous electrolyte battery according to claim 6, wherein said carbon black has a specific surface area of at least 1 m^2/g and less than 800 m^2/g .

11. (Original): A nonaqueous electrolyte battery comprising:

a positive electrode (1) including a positive electrode active material layer;

a negative electrode (2) including a negative electrode active material layer;

a nonaqueous electrolyte (5); and

a conductive material, contained in said positive electrode active material layer, containing carbon black having a specific surface area of at least 1 m^2/g and less than 800 m^2/g and zirconium nitride (ZrN or Zr_3N_2) having particles of at least 0.2 μm and not more than 5 μm in average particle diameter easily dispersed into said positive electrode active material layer.